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TAGS: CASC (KRASIC, LJUBO)

SUBJECT: WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: LJUBISA KRASIC

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1. AN AIDE TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH YUGOSLAV EMBASSY COUNSELOR ANDONOV AT LATTER'S INVITATION ON MARCH 7. ANDONOV EXPLAINED THAT KRASIC'S PASSPORT HAD BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE OF ALLEGED ANTI-YUGOSLAV ACTIVITY A FEW YEARS AGO IN ZURICH WHERE HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED BY HIS CHURCH. YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES ARE HOLDING KRASIC'S PASSPORT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE NATURE AND SEVERITY OF THIS ACTIVITY. ANDONOV ADDED THAT TWO APPEALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DENIED IN KRASIC'S CASE. NEVERTHELESS, ZABLOCKI'S AIDE GOT THE IMPRESSION ANDONOV, WHILE NONCOMMITTAL, WAS TRYING TO SUGGEST THAT KRASIC MAY BE RELEASED BEFORE LONG. ANDONOV DECLARED THAT THE
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YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IS READY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY IT CAN. HE GAVE KRASIC'S CURRENT ADDRESS AS: JABLANOVAC 24 ZAGREB.

2. THE AIDE IS HOPEFUL. SHE STRESSED THAT WE SHOULD NOW "PLAY IT COOL" AND WAIT TO SEE IF THE YUGOSLAVS

WILL RESOLVE THE MATTER FAVORABLY. SHE INDICATED SHE
WOULD CONTACT ANDONOV AGAIN IN A MONTH OR SO IF THERE
IS NO FURTHER WORD.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF ZABLOCKI'S
INVOLVEMENT. THE CONGRESSMAN HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, HOWEVER, AND HIS EFFORTS
MIGHT GET RESULTS. SUGGEST CONSULATE GENERAL TAKE NO
FURTHER ACTION FOR THE TIME BEING.
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